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ROCK ISLAND, ILL., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1902.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

METEOR KISSES WATER

Emperor Wilhelm's New Yacht is Formally Launched.

MISS ROOSEVELT'S ACT

Fair Sponsor Receives Beautiful Gift--Ceremonies.

New York, Feb. 25.—In a drizzling rain and a brilliant assemblage, amidst cheering and the roar of cannon, the German emperor's new schooner yacht, Meteor, was launched from Shooter's island today.

Unlike the weather, the arrangements were perfect and no incident marred the occasion.

President Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Roosevelt, Prince Henry and a distinguished party that accompanied them were enthusiastically cheered on arriving at the platform built just back of the bow of the Meteor.

Miss Roosevelt Christens Yacht.

Without delay after greetings were exchanged Miss Roosevelt stepped forward, and taking hold of the silver covered bottle containing the German champagne broke it on the side of the vessel and said: "In the

IN HER OWN STYLE

Dresses a Woman Who Attracts Attention at Batavia, Ill.

INCLUDING BUTTERNUT BLOOMERS

A Broad Brimmed Cowboy Hat and Pistol in Belt.

Batavia, Ill., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Lulu Clark, of this town, by reason of her peculiar dress reform and habit of carrying and using firearms, is attracting considerable attention. She appears on the street dressed in a pair of bloomers of butternut color, a broad-brimmed felt hat, and carrying at her belt a horse pistol of unusual size. She and her husband live in a tent in Laurelwood Park, at Oak Grove, on the Fox river. Mrs. Clark is a graduate of an Iowa college. When she began making her appearance in her strange dress Marshal Cavanaugh interviewed her in her tent, asking her why she preferred such an isolated life.

Simply Because She Wants To.

She said it was because she wanted to, and has given no other explanation. Mrs. Clark's appearance has provoked many remarks of different character. All of these she is said to have resented. On one occasion a line man on a telegraph pole made an observation. She is said to have drawn her revolver, compelling him to descend and make ample apology.

SEVEN ARE KILLED

In a Railroad Wreck on the New York Central.

OTHERS INJURED AND MISSING

Passenger and Wrecking Trains Collide on a Curve.

Auburn, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Seven trainmen were killed and two fatally injured and two are missing as a result of a wreck early today on the Auburn branch of the New York Central near Aurelius.

Collide at Full Speed.

A passenger train and wrecking train collided head on while rounding a curve at full speed.

FRENCH FIRE

Directed in Form of Irony at Prince Henry's Reception.

IN THE UNITED STATES

Feature of German Newspapers--Venezuela and China.

Paris, Feb. 25.—The visit of Prince Henry of Prussia to the United States is attracting attention here, and there is a tinge of irony in the newspaper

CONVICT CONTRACT

Change in the Company That Will Cause a Loss.

EMPLOYS ILLINOIS PRISON BIRDS

Sensational Charges Developed in Hearing Now Disposed of.

Joliet, Ill., Feb. 25.—The change whereby the Joliet Rattan and Reed company lost the contract it had held for seventeen years for the employment of convicts, and the Illinois Rattan and Reed company was given the concession, was under way yesterday at the state prison.

Causes Sensation.

The decision was deferred until March 5. The hearing was most sensational, charges and counter charges being made and the officials almost coming to blows.

CRAZED BY INFATUATION

CHEATS GALLOWS

Miscrants Attempt to Kill Family Whose Daughter He "Loved."

DOUBLE CRIME IN CHICAGO

Sends Himself to Destruction Thinking It Was Even Worse Than It Turned Out.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Angered because his persistent demands for a dowry sufficient to give him a start in housekeeping were refused, and seeking revenge on the family of his sweetheart, George Childrose, a stenographer, shot and killed Henry Meyer, the girl's father, and mortally wounded Emma Meyer, her sister. Her mother and another sister escaped other shots intended for them by rushing into the street. Then, believing he had killed the entire family, Childrose sent a bullet through his own brain and fell dead at the door of his sweetheart's room.

Began Demands a Week Ago.

The couple became engaged last Tuesday, and the young man at once began his demands that the father, a retired mechanic and inventor, furnish money to start the couple in housekeeping. The demands were so large and persistent that the paternal consent to the proposed union was withdrawn. When he was dismissed Childrose vowed to kill the whole family, and the tragedy followed. Emma Meyer died later.

One School Teacher Kills Another Near Decatur.

THEN JUMPS IN A WELL

Day's Record of Crime in Various Parts of Country.

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 25.—Fletcher Barrett, a school teacher, today entered a school house a mile from Camargo and without warning shot and instantly killed Miss Emma Wiseman, the teacher in charge.

He shot at a pupil who attempted to interfere, missed him, shot himself twice without fatal effect and finally jumped into a well and was drowned. Barrett had been a suitor for the girl's hand. All are highly connected.

Wife Butcher Captured.

New York, Feb. 25.—Joseph Wolffrid Blendin, who is accused of the murder of his wife near Boston last June by cutting off her head, was arrested at police headquarters today. He had gone to headquarters to take an examination for an engineer's license. He was identified by a representative of the Boston police.

Charges Against Mrs. Soffel. Butler, Pa., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Kate



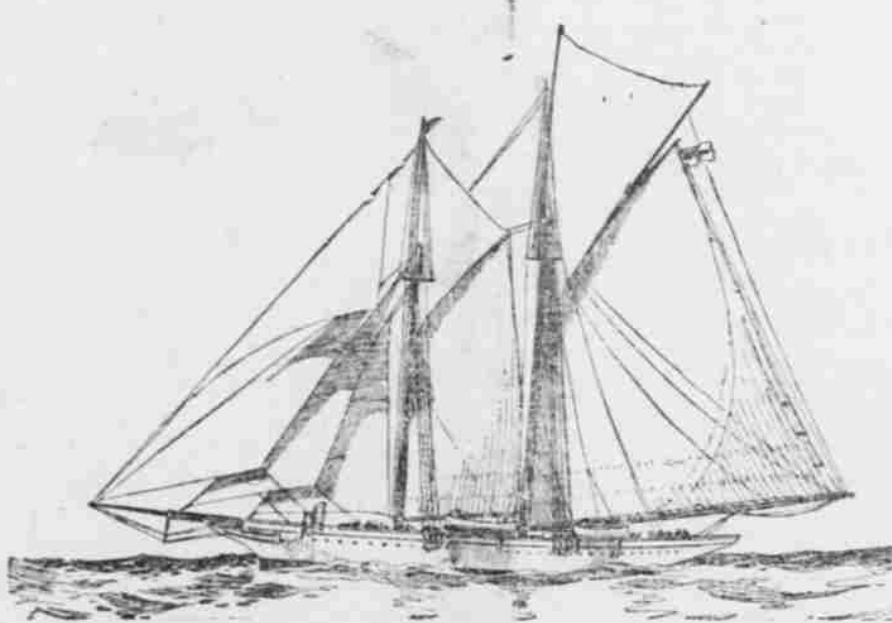
PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.



PRINCE HENRY, KAISER'S REPRESENTATIVE.



MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT.



KAISER'S NEW YACHT, METEOR.

UNEARTHS A ROMANCE

Death's Revelations Concerning a French Couple of High Connections.

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 25.—Paul Fremy, a wealthy Frenchman, aged 59, died suddenly. It was thought that he died from an overdose of morphine, to which drug he was addicted. The coroner has taken charge and will investigate the reports of suicide. At the time of his death, Jeanne, Paul's wife, also from France, was the only one with him. She is also addicted to morphine and is still very low from the effects of an overdose.

The couple came from France together many years ago and have ever since lived together. She denies that they attempted suicide. They were both players of the races, lived sumptuously, and received large remittances regularly from France, where they are said to be highly connected.

Bank Examiner Killed Dying.

Franklin Du Chien, Wis., Feb. 25.—Bank Examiner E. I. Kidd, who has been seriously ill for some time, is taking neither nourishment nor stimulants, and although still alive is expected not to survive long. He is in a semi-conscious condition and does not recognize his relatives or attendants.

New Sensation for the County.

Casper, Wyo., Feb. 25.—Judge Frankman has sentenced Charles Woodward, convicted of the murder of Sheriff W. C. Ricker, to be hanged, and the date of execution was fixed for March 28, at Casper. This is the first infliction of the death sentence in this county.

Number Killed at Barcelona.

Barcelona, Feb. 25.—The alcalde, in a statement made public, fixes the number killed during the rioting since Feb. 27 at fifty-six. The number of wounded cannot be estimated.

CLAIM FOR OUTRAGE

Man Who Wants P y for Crime Committed by Boxers.

Whiting, La., Feb. 25.—Charles A. Anderson has filed a claim with the state department at Washington for \$20,000 damages for the death of his sister, Hilda S. Anderson, who was killed by the Boxers in Mongolia province, China, in 1900. Two of Anderson's sisters were killed in China during the late uprising against foreigners, but only one was a subject of the United States, the other sister being a citizen of Sweden. Hilda S. Anderson was naturalized at Rockford, Ill., in 1897.

Tramps Cause a Fire.

Warsaw, Ind., Feb. 25.—Fire totally destroyed the large brick school building at Wawsee, one of the largest in Kosciusko county. Tramps passing the night in the building are charged with having caused the fire.

NO TRUTH IN REPORT

Boer General Botha Has No Idea of Surrendering.

London, Feb. 25.—The war office today denied the rumor that Commander in Chief Botha had made an offer to surrender on certain conditions.

May Join if They Agree.

Red Wing, Minn., Feb. 25.—The Minnesota conference of the Swedish Lutheran synod has by vote formally invited the English Lutheran of the Synod of the Northwest to join with it, provided they subscribe to the constitution of the Augustana conference and synod.

All Banquet at Barcelona.

Barcelona, Feb. 25.—The factories are working and all the street cars are running. Tranquillity rules; but the precautions taken for the maintenance of order have not been relaxed.

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SUICIDE OF INVALID

Hangs Himself by Means of a Leather Strap and a Bed-post.

Alma, Mich., Feb. 25.—H. A. Breys, a patient at the Alma sanitarium, committed suicide by hanging himself to a bedpost in his room. The deceased was a prominent resident of Chicago. In the employ of A. S. McClurg company. He came here about four weeks ago to take treatment for nervous exhaustion. He was apparently getting better, and the evening before the suicide he seemed quite cheerful and engaged in card playing with other guests.

When an attendant went to his room to call him next day for the bath treatment he was found dead. He had taken a common telescope strap, and slipping it through a buckle placed it around his neck. He then tied it to a bedpost and raised his feet from the floor and slowly strangled himself. As soon as found his family in Chicago was notified by the sanitarium authorities. He was a German, about 50 years old.

Will Give the Road \$20,000.

Sauk Centre, Mich., Feb. 25.—At a large mass meeting of farmers and business men held in the court house it was voted to accept G. R. Lovejoy's proposition for his Detroit-Bay City railroad via Sauk Centre and Cass City. He asks \$20,000 from this town and an effort will be made to raise it by a committee headed by Judge McCaren.

Explosion of Gas.

Marshalltown, Ia., Feb. 25.—D. A. Greeds, J. J. Lavery and Otto Koske were injured by an explosion of gas at Arlington, fifty miles north of here. The explosion was caused by carrying a lighted lantern into the basement to investigate the failure of a gas machine to work. A large new brick and stone block was partly wrecked.

Normal Has a Good Church Record. Ypsilanti, Mich., Feb. 25.—The annual inquiry into the religious status of the normal students, reveals the fact that of 1,084 students, 702 are church members; 354 attend church regularly and 28 profess no church connections. The Methodists claim 407 students, the Congregationalists 182, the Presbyterians 139, the Baptists 114, Roman Catholics 87, Episcopalians 50, other denominations 77.

West Superior Murder Mystery Cleared Up.

Duluth, Minn., Feb. 25.—The mystery of the death of Charles Yim, the Superior laundryman, who was killed Christmas, has been cleared up by a confession made by Charles Woods, a negro arrested in St. Paul. Woods says Yim was murdered with a piece of gaspipe, by Peter Jackson, a negro, who hired Woods as an accomplice. The deed was done for robbery, and the things got \$7.50.

Not Well Enough for Banquets, However.

Princeton, N. J., Feb. 25.—Ex-President Cleveland has returned to Princeton after spending ten days hunting ducks along the coast of Virginia. He appears to be in good health. He said that although the weather was quite unfavorable most of the time he enjoyed the trip and had fairly good success bagging game.

Student Volunteer Movement.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25.—The fourth international convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions will meet in this city Wednesday afternoon. Its session continuing to March 2. More than 2,000 students from the colleges of the United States and Canada will attend.

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